



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 121-2023**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. ASTERIA E. CRUZABRA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 07 September 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 5001, titled "Petra Duruin Sismaet vs. Atty. Asteria E. Cruzabra," to wit:

WHEREFORE, this Court **SUSPENDS** respondent Atty. Asteria E. Cruzabra from the practice of law for six (6) months effective upon receipt of this Decision, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country.

20 March 2023

  
**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator